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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD FOR JOINING KNITTED FABRICS; the specification of which was filed on March 24, 2004 as PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2004/004097 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above- identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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